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US. Rep. Mark Kirk visited The Hadley School for the Blind today where he presented the school's leadership with a congressional resolution honoring the school's commitment to thousands of students worldwide. The bipartisan resolution (H. Res. 875) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in December.

"For more than 80 years, The Hadley School for the Blind pioneered education for the blind and visually impaired," congressman Kirk said. "The distance education programs help 10,000 students achieve independence each year. Right here in Winnetka, Hadley offers more than 90 courses with students in 50 states and over 100 countries."

Congressman Kirk was joined by Hadley School President Charles Young and Board of Trustees Chair Stace Hilbrant. They were welcomed by Christie Gilson, a University of Illinois Ph.D. candidate, via webcast. Congressman Kirk also was invited to attend the 20th anniversary celebration of Hadley's China campus in September.

"The Hadley School for the Blind is honored to have this congressional support and recognition," said Charles Young, Hadley president. "We look forward to working with Congressman Kirk to help raise awareness of the programs offered to blind and visually impaired people everywhere."

The text and status of the bill can be found at <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=hr110-875>